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ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY – SERIAL BANK ROBBER

On the afternoon of February 22, 2012 at approximately 3:58 p.m., the Tucson Police Department was notified of a bank robbery incident that occurred at the **Pyramid Credit Union located at 4491 North Oracle Road**. Officers from Operations Division West responded to the bank, arriving within 2 minutes of their original dispatch. Upon arrival, they determined that the suspect had fled the bank prior to their arrival and that no one had been injured during the course of the robbery. Detectives from the Tucson Police Department Robbery Unit responded to the bank to further the investigation. They learned that an unknown male entered the bank and approached the teller counter. He presented a note, which demanded money and claimed that he was armed, to the victim teller. After receiving an undisclosed amount of money, the male left the bank. He was not located or identified at that time.

On the afternoon of March 7, 2012, the Tucson Police Department responded to a suspected bank robbery incident at the **Bank of the West located at 3175 North Swan Road**. Officers were notified of a possible bank robbery in progress at approximately 3:09 p.m. and arrived within approximately 4 minutes of their original dispatch. Officers from Operations Division Midtown initially responded to the incident location, quickly determining that no one had been injured during the course of the robbery incident as well as that the suspect had fled the building prior to police arrival. Officers checked surrounding neighborhoods in an effort to locate the male, but were unsuccessful. As is standard practice, Robbery detectives also responded to the bank to continue the investigation. They learned that a male suspect entered the bank and approached the teller counter. As in the previous incident on February 22, 2012, the male handed a note to the victim teller. The note demanded money and threatened violence. After he was given an undisclosed amount of money, the male left the bank.

The suspect descriptions from both bank robbery incidents were similar. Robbery detectives compared images obtained from surveillance video footage at both banks and confirmed that the same male committed the robberies on February 22, 2012 and March 7, 2012. The male has been described as a **Hispanic or Caucasian male, 5'10" to 6'00" tall, weighting 190 to 200 lbs, and 30 to 40 years of age**. On the incident that occurred on March 7, 2012, the male was seen wearing a **black baseball hat, dark sunglasses, a dark colored sweatshirt, and jeans**. Photographs obtained from each incident are included below.

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The Tucson Police Department seeks the public's assistance in both identifying and locating the serial bank robbery suspect. Anyone with information about his identify or whereabouts is urged to call **911 or 88-Crime**.



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